

**MINUTES  
of the  
FIFTH MEETING  
of the  
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

**November 12, 2021  
State Capitol, Room 307  
Santa Fe**

The fifth meeting of the Land Grant Committee for the 2021 interim was called to order by Representative Miguel P. Garcia, chair, at 10:20 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Rep. Miguel P. Garcia, Chair  
Sen. Leo Jaramillo, Vice Chair  
Rep. Rachel A. Black  
Rep. Matthew McQueen  
Sen. Bill B. O'Neill  
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino

**Absent**

Sen. Michael Padilla  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle  
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez  
Rep. Christine Trujillo

**Advisory Members**

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Sen. David M. Gallegos  
Rep. Susan K. Herrera  
Sen. Linda M. Lopez  
Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics

Rep. Harry Garcia  
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto

**Guest Legislator**

Rep. Roger E. Montoya

**Staff**

Mark Edwards, Bill Drafter, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Michelle Jaschke, Researcher, LCS

**Minutes Approval**

Because the committee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

**Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

## **Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

## **References to Webcast**

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov), under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

## **Friday, November 12**

### **Welcome and Introductions (10:20 a.m.)**

Representative Miguel P. Garcia welcomed the committee and asked members, staff and attendees to introduce themselves.

### **Land Grant Capital Outlay and "Junior" Appropriations Requests (10:30 a.m.)**

Committee members heard capital outlay project requests and General Fund appropriation requests from several land grants-mercedes, as follows.

Max Sisneros, board member, Anton-Chico Land Grant-Merced (ACLGM); Benny Lucero, executive director, Anton Chico Economic Development Center (ACEDC); Frederick Romero, member, Board of Directors, ACEDC; and Penny Garcia, heir, ACLGM, discussed capital outlay requests. The presentations can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-A%20--%20Anton%20Chico%20\(2\)%20--%20Senior%20Center%20Programs.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-A%20--%20Anton%20Chico%20(2)%20--%20Senior%20Center%20Programs.pdf); and

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-A%20--%20Anton%20Chico%20Community%20\(1\)%20--%20Center%20and%20Recreation%20programs.pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-A%20--%20Anton%20Chico%20Community%20(1)%20--%20Center%20and%20Recreation%20programs.pdf).

Steve Polaco, president, Land Grant-Merced de los Pueblos de Tierra Amarilla (TALGM); Melvin Apodaca, vice president, TALGM; Belarmino Lopez, member, TALGM; and Agrapito Candelario, secretary, TALGM, discussed capital outlay requests for the TALGM. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-B%20Tierra%20Amarilla.pdf>.

Jason Quintana, president, La Merced del Manzano Land Grant-Merced (MLGM), and representatives of the Manzano Acequia Association presented capital outlay requests for the MLGM.

Phillip Clark, treasurer, San Antonio de las Huertas Land Grant-Merced (SAHLGM), discussed capital outlay requests for the SAHLGM. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-D%20San%20Antonio%20de%20las%20Huertas.pdf>.

Andrea Padilla, president, Town of Tome Land Grant-Merced (Tome LGM), presented the Tome LGM capital outlay requests. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-E%20Tome.pdf>.

Juan Sanchez, president, Chilili Land Grant-Merced (ChLGM), presented capital outlay requests for the ChLGM. The presentation can be found here:

[https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-F%20Chilili\(2\).pdf](https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-F%20Chilili(2).pdf).

Leonard Martinez, president, San Joaquin del Rio de Chama Land Grant-Merced (SJRLGM), discussed the capital outlay needs of the SJRLGM. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-G%20San%20Joaquin%20del%20Rio%20de%20Chama.pdf>.

Francisco Gonzales, heir, Cristobal de la Serna Land Grant-Merced (CSLGM), discussed capital outlay requests for the CSLGM.

Venessa Chavez presented the Torreon Land Grant-Merced's capital outlay requests. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%2011221%20Item%201%20-F%20Chilili.pdf>.

Andrew Gutierrez, president, Town of Tajique Land Grant-Merced (Tajique LGM), discussed the Tajique LGM's capital outlay requests.

Joe Chavez, San Miguel del Bado Land Grant-Merced (SMB), discussed capital outlay requests for the SMB.

#### **Approval of Minutes (12:27 p.m.)**

Without objection, the committee approved the minutes of the July 14-15, 2021 and September 23-24, 2021 meetings, and the committee approved the minutes of the October 28-29, 2021 meeting with an amendment correcting the designation of Senator Gallegos as "Sen. David M. Gallegos" rather than "Rep. David M. Gallegos".

**Legislative Issues Concerning Acequias (3:06 p.m.)**

Ralph Vigil, chair, Acequia Commission, and Paula Garcia, executive director, New Mexico Acequia Association, updated the committee on acequia legislative initiatives. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20111221%20Item%202%20--%20Acequa%20Association%20&%20Acequia%20Commission.pdf>.

**Land Grant Council (LGC): Budget Update (3:30 p.m.)**

Juan Sanchez, chair, LGC, and Arturo Archuleta, program manager, LGC, provided an overview of the LGC budget for the coming year. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20111221%20Item%203%20--%20Land%20Grant%20Council%20Budget%20Request.pdf>.

**Proposed Legislation for Endorsement (4:11 p.m.)**

Mr. Edwards updated the committee on legislation proposed for endorsement by the committee. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/LGC%20111221%20Item%204%20--%20%20proposed%20legislation.pdf>.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.